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## Nominate a cancer survivor for the 2017 Amanda Dempsey Award Presented by Amgen's *Breakaway from Cancer*®

**LEWISTON, ME [May 3, 2017]** - Nominations for the 2017 Amanda Dempsey Award presented by Amgen's *Breakaway from Cancer*® will be accepted through August 14 at <https://www.dempseycenter.org/award/>.

The award, named in memory of Amanda Dempsey, is presented to a cancer survivor who has a passion for helping Mainers with cancer. Although Amanda was reserved and humble, she had a warm presence, and was passionate about giving back to her community.

The recipient will be honored during Dempsey Challenge weekend, October 7 - 8, at Simard-Payne Park in Lewiston. That Saturday, the winner will lead the Amgen *Breakaway from Cancer* Survivor Walk, along with Patrick Dempsey and his family, and will also be honored at the Champions for Hope Celebration that same evening.

The criteria for nominees are as follows:

- Individual must be a cancer survivor
- Individual must demonstrate a passion for helping and inspiring others diagnosed with cancer
- Individual lives and/or helps others in the state of Maine

Past winners include Brooke Ismail (2016), Dr. James Campbell (2015), Nel Bernard (2014).

Nominations may be submitted online at <https://www.dempseycenter.org/award/> or mailed to: Karen Page, Dempsey Center, 29 Lowell Street, Lewiston, ME 04240. For questions, please call the Dempsey Challenge hotline at 1-866-990-1499.

Nearly everyone has been touched by cancer. More than one million people in the United States are diagnosed with cancer each year. Founded in 2005 Amgen, *Breakaway from Cancer* is a national initiative to increase awareness of important resources available to people affected by cancer, from prevention through survivorship. *Breakaway from Cancer* represents a partnership between Amgen and four nonprofit organizations: Prevent Cancer Foundation, Cancer Support Community, Patient Advocate Foundation, and National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship. These organizations are dedicated to empowering patients with education, resources and hope, offering a broad range of services to people affected by cancer. For more information visit: [breakawayfromcancer.com](http://breakawayfromcancer.com) or follow them on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#).

The Dempsey Challenge is a two-day, non-competitive fundraiser which champions the spirit of celebration and culture of paying it forward, all hosted in actor Patrick Dempsey's hometown of Lewiston, Maine. Every dollar raised by the Challenge benefits the Dempsey Center -- a leader in Quality of Life care for individuals and families impacted by cancer. The Dempsey Center provides a personalized, holistic and integrated approach to cancer prevention, education and support. Follow the Dempsey Center and Dempsey Challenge at [dempseycenter.org](http://dempseycenter.org), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#). For a complete schedule of Dempsey Challenge events, or information on how to register, visit [dempseychallenge.org](http://dempseychallenge.org).